

voted unanimously or five to two to advance. So I thought, why do they want to hold it now? So then I read 407. 407 does pretty much what 762 was hopefully going to accomplish, create a new bureaucracy but eliminate any future regulations on any industry doing with the health care industry. I think that is interesting so that if they thought this bill wouldn't pass, they would still have 449. I would remind the committee that Miscellaneous Subjects Committee gets bills that no other committee has any expertise in and we hear a myriad of bills that many of us don't understand. I think my amendment is a good amendment, Senator Wesely, because it is going to do something that the public would like to see done. Senator Wesely says, all of these professionals would have to go before a committee appointed by the Director of Health. I say, if my amendment is adopted, the same thing would happen to every industry, and what would happen then? We would get rid of the lobbyists. They would have to go lobby the board the Director appointed. So then where are they? If you have a board, what can the lobbyists do for the board? So isn't it a good amendment? We don't get the pressure from the lobbyists. We don't get the pressure. We don't have to deal with the bills and the lobbyists have to deal with the board. But if the lobbyists are going to have to deal with the board that is appointed by the Director of Health, why shouldn't they have to deal with the board that is appointed by the directors of all the other government agencies? So that is just another reason why this is a good amendment. But I don't think many senators want to get rid of the lobbyists. After all, why kill the goose that lays the golden egg at campaign time? But I am very serious about this amendment because I want to see how many senators really believe in streamlining legislation for Public Health and Welfare but not for any other legislative committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: We have closed on the Higgins amendment to LB 407. I'm going to put it to you now, the motion is to adopt the Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion before you is by Senator Higgins to adopt the amendment that she has just been explaining to LB 407. Please record your vote. The Chair will allow 20 seconds for the recording of votes. If you are interested in the Higgins amendment, please record your vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record. Senator Higgins.